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In re Application of:

Art Unit:

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Examiner:

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INFORMATION FILTERING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

PREFERENTIALLY TAKING OUT INFORMATION HAVING A HECEIVED

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LETTER TO THE DRAFTSPERSON

Technology Center 2100

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

April 29, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004, submitted herewith are eighteen (18) sheets of formal drawings, including a corrected Figure 2 to show the information recording medium and its outputs in connection with the information filtering unit 50, proper identification of the dictionary learning unit 23 in Figs. 11 and 14, and the switch 63 in Figure 13.

Entry is respectfully requested.

Respectfully requested,

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